



Graduate Research Assistantship: Community Planner in collaboration with the National Park Service's Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance Program

The [Department of Parks, Recreation, and Tourism](#) (PRT) at the [University of Utah](#) is pleased to announce a Masters-level assistantship in collaboration with the [U.S. National Park Service's \(NPS\) Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance Program \(RTCA\)](#). The assistantship is located in Salt Lake City, Utah and will begin in August 2016, with the potential to start in June 2016 depending on student availability. The assistant will support NPS project managers working on community-led conservation and recreation planning initiatives involving governmental and non-governmental partners. Assignments will consist of a variety of project support tasks selected to provide the graduate assistant with training and on-the-job experience in methods, procedures, and techniques relevant to park, conservation, and community planning. The position is an entry-level assignment that will provide experiences and responsibilities as preparation for future professional planning work.

Duties related to this assistantship include project coordination, data collection, communications and outreach, public planning workshop and events support, developing park and trail management concepts and site designs, and network organization related to the University's continuing work with the NPS and RTCA. Proven experience and/or education in community planning, GIS and graphic design, and/or landscape architecture is preferred. Interested applicants, please contact [Dr. Matt Brownlee](#) at matthew.brownlee@hsc.utah.edu | 801-585-7239.

Applicants wishing to be considered for the assistantship should submit the following by February 25, 2016

- A cover letter articulating interest and skills pertaining to the assistantship
- A current resume/CV (with GPA and GRE scores identified if available)
- Names and contact information for 3 academic or professional references

The assistantship requires 20 hours a week for 9 academic months and 40 hours a week for three summer months. The assistantship includes a monthly stipend, [tuition/fee remission](#), and [subsidized health insurance](#). Travel support to present at professional conferences is available through the Department, the Graduate School, and student associations. The assistantship is renewable for a total of two years, however, only one year of funding is guaranteed. To qualify a student will need continual registration as a full-time student and progress toward degree completion is expected. Applicants must be admitted and enrolled in the PRT Masters degree program at the University of Utah.

[Utah is the west at its best!](#) With four distinct seasons, we have ready access to a variety of outdoor activities including superb skiing at eight world-famous resorts just minutes from campus. Utah is home to five national parks and countless national, regional, state, and local recreation areas. Salt Lake City, with a metropolitan population of nearly 1,000,000, is the hub of the Intermountain West.

Additional questions and inquiries about graduate studies in Parks, Recreation, and Tourism at the University of Utah can be directed to Dr. Jim Sibthorp, Director of Graduate Studies, University of Utah, Department of Parks, Recreation, and Tourism, jim.sibthorp@health.utah.edu.